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FEDERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Washington 25, D. C.

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Honorable Arthur S. Flemming
Director
Office of Defense Mobilization
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Dr. Flemming:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of December 12, requesting that we assume active leadership in the nation-wide emergency communications area and undertake the full responsibility for coordinating and assisting the Federal Government Departments and Agencies in their relocation communications planning programs.

As a result of Operation Alert 1956, during which virtually all agencies filed heavy volumes of traffic with our system, and because of the necessity for the system to serve as the communications link between relocated field sites and the alternate Seat of Government, a GSA telecommunications program for the Continuity of Government Plan was developed and funds to implement the initial phase of the plan are being sought. A copy of the program has been furnished Mr. F. C. Alexander of your Office.

Your delineation of GSA's communications responsibility incident to the Continuity of Government Plan therefore is welcomed. The indicated responsibility is accepted by this Administration and the requested periodic progress reports will be submitted.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ F. G. Floete

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Administrator